

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to more clearly define the invention as disclosed in the written description. In particular, claims 9 and 10 have been cancelled, while claim 16 has been amended to include the limitations of cancelled claims 9 and 10, and claims 11, 13 and 14 have been amended to depend from claim 16. In addition, claims 11-13 and 15 have been amended to have proper antecedent basis for all elements therein.

Applicants believe that the above changes answer the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. 112, paragraph 2, rejection of the claims, and respectfully request withdrawal thereof.

The Examiner has rejected claim 16 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,216,649 to Koike et al. The Examiner has further rejected claims 16 and 2-9 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Koike et al.

In view of the above changes, Applicants believe that the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. 102(b) and 103(a) rejections of the claims have been overcome.

Applicants believe that this application, containing claims 2-8 and 11-16, is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

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